

their families moved into Round Valley to supplement the few settlers already there.¹³

Then in the early 1860's came the Bigelow, Batty, and Mecham families, and were soon followed by the Davis, Burns, Thompson, Stoker, and Wheeler families. In 1862 a fort was constructed at the head of Spring Creek. Pioneer life in the valley was a pattern of close knit co-operation.

Twenty families lived in the fort's small, one-room, dirt-roofed homes. A rough log meeting house in the center of the fort served for school, church, and social gatherings.

Farming was also cooperative. One large plot for all settlers was laid out, and in the fall all helped with the harvesting of the crops. The hills offered berries and hops, and berry picking outings or hunting were among the few simple pleasures that life in the valley offered.

The Indian War in 1866 forced the people to move to Heber. But when the danger proved less than anticipated, the Wallsburg settlers moved back to their homes in the fall of the same year.

William Wall was not only the founder of the Round Valley settlement, he was also the first bishop. Following his death, William E. Nuttal, the succeeding bishop, suggested changing the name of the community from Round Valley to Wallsburg.

KEETLEY

The Park Utah Mine was the focal point for the present town of Keetley. The mine opened in 1916 when George Lambourne and George Blood secured rights to use the five mile long Ontario drain tunnel for mining operation. The town takes its name from John H.

¹³Lloyd Ford, "History of Wallsburg," MSS, (Daughters of Utah Pioneers Historical Collection, Heber, Utah, 1953).

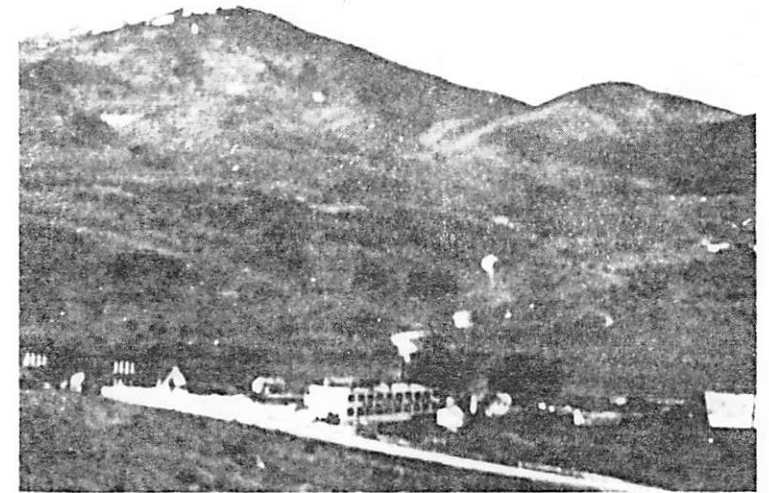
Keetley, the chief engineer in charge of driving the tunnel.¹⁴

SOLDIERS SUMMIT

Soldiers Summit is the only town in Wasatch County which does not lie in the Provo Valley. It was named for soldiers of Johnston's Army, some of whom are said to have died and been buried on the top of the pass between the Colorado Basin and the Great Basin.¹⁵ The town at one time was the center of Denver & Rio Grande railroad shop activity, but since the withdrawal of the shops most of the homes were torn down.

¹⁴George A. Fisher, *Along the Road* (Keetley, Utah, 1950), p. 43.

¹⁵"Origin of Mormon Names of Cities, Mountains, Streams, Counties, etc. in the U. S.," *Heart Throbs of the West*, Vol. V (compiled by Kate B. Carter, Salt Lake City, 1944), p. 14.



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